



Missouri Ethics Commission

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Final Action: MEC No. 21-0014-I, Seth Thompson & Committee to Elect Seth Thompson

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The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Seth Thompson and his candidate committee, Committee to Elect Seth Thompson, at its June 15, 2021 meeting.

The complaint filed with the Commission alleged Mr. Thompson and his committee failed to include a “paid for by” disclosure on printed campaign materials and failed to report an expense associated with the mailing of the same printed campaign material..

Section 130.031.8, RSMo, requires the following:

Any person publishing, circulating, or distributing any printed matter relative to any candidate for public office or any ballot measure shall on the face of the printed matter identify in a clear and conspicuous manner the person who paid for the printed matter with the words “Paid for by” followed by the proper identification of the sponsor pursuant to this section.

The MEC investigation determined that neither Mr. Thompson nor his committee was responsible for the creation or the distribution of the campaign materials identified in the complaint. Therefore, the committee was not responsible for the absence of the “paid for by” disclosure and was not required to report any related expenses.

From the facts presented, the Commission found no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 130, RSMo and dismissed the complaint.

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